- Coastal States/UTs have been directed to expedite the implementation of the approved Coastal Security Scheme such as early completion of construction of coastal police stations, check-posts, out-posts and barracks apart from sanctioning, recruitment and training of executive and technical manpower.

- The coastal States and UTs have been directed to immediately start coastal patrolling by locally hired fishing boats/trawlers; charges being reimbursable by MHA.

- The coastal States/UTs have been directed to carry out vulnerability/gap analysis on their coasts in consultation with Coast Guard, and furnish their additional requirements for formulation of a comprehensive proposal for further approval of the Government of India.

- Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways has been directed to streamline the process of registration of all types of vessels, *i.e.* fishing as well as non-fishing vessels, and also to ensure fitting/provision of navigational and communication equipments on these boats.

- Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairies and Fisheries is taking steps to issue ID cards to all the fishermen. The Registrar General of India (RGI) is also issuing ID cards under Multi-purpose National Identity Card (MNICs) Scheme to all the population in the coastal villages including fishermen.

All the concerned Ministries/Departments/agencies are taking adequate measures for compliance of above decisions.

Steps for making coasts fully secure

312. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific steps have been taken post 26/11 to ensure better co-ordination between our intelligence agencies and to ensure intelligence ownership of action and for joint action between various agencies;

(b) what steps have been taken to close down traditional smuggling routes and channels across our coast as part of our coastal security strengthening; and

(c) what time frame is expected for our coast to be fully secure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) An executive order has been issued on 31.12.2008 under which the Multi-Agency Centre (MAC), under the Intelligence Bureau (IB), has been obliged to share intelligence with all other agencies, including agencies of the State Governments, Union Territories. Likewise, all other agencies have been obliged to share intelligence with MAC. MAC has also been made operational on a 24X7 basis. All agencies have nominated their

representatives to MAC. Further action is also underway to strengthen the connectivity between the Intelligence Bureau at the Central Level and the units and the Special Branches at the State level.

(b) and (c) At present, there is a 3 tier arrangement for Coastal Security comprising the State Police in the coastal areas and near coastal waters, the Coast Guard in territorial waters and the Navy in the High Seas. With a view to strengthening the arrangements for Coastal Security, the Central Government had launched a Supplemental Coastal Security Scheme in 2005. Under which assistance is being provided to coastal States including Maharashtra for setting up Police Stations, Out Posts, Check Posts and Barracks, along with jeeps and motor cycles for patrolling along the coast and provision for 204 patrol boats, which are being procured centrally. The States have also been asked to conduct a vulnerability analysis with a view to identifying further gaps which may require to be filled up in terms of additional Police Stations, etc.

After the incidents in Mumbai, further detailed reviews of the Coastal Security arrangements have been carried out and it has been decided to taken up a number of additional measures for augmenting the assets of the Coast Guard and the Navy, putting in place institutional mechanisms for intelligence sharing and inter-agency coordination, registration of boats and issue of identity cards to fishermen and the establishing effective Vessel Tracking and Monitoring Systems, etc.

Strengthening of coastal security is an ongoing process, and further initiatives and measures, as found necessary from time to time would be taken on a continuing basis.

Shift in Centre of terrorism to North-East

313. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre of terrorism in India has shifted to North-East;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the terrorist groups operating from North- East and their inter linking;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government has taken to safeguard the country and to control ISI activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (e) Militancy and related incidents of violence in some States in North East, like Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura have been a matter of concern for quite some time.

Major militant outfits active in the North Eastern Region (NER) are:- United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB), United Peoples Democratic